Additionals to be victualled with the King's Provision from the U.H.J. Time that they shall join his Majesty's regular Forces to the End of the Campaign, when they will be dismissed, I flatter myself that you will the more readily agree to his Lordship's Proposals, and as the Time allowed for raising those Men is so very Short you will I hope come to a Speedy Resolution on this Matter, and to such a one as might evince that now a fair Opportunity offers, you are determined to be in the Number of those of his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects that are most zealous to promote his Service, and most desirous of providing effectually for the future as well as the present p. 245 Security of this Country, the 24.th February 1758.

New York Feb. 13, 1758.

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As I am directed by his Majesty to apply to the several Governments in North America for such Aid and Assistance as are necessary for carrying on the War in this Country which is likewise fully expressed in the several Letters transmitted by his Majesty's Secretaries of State down from S.r Thomas Robinson's Letters to them of the 26.th of October 1754 to this Time directing that they should correspond, and co-operate with his Majesty's Commander in Chief for the Time being in North America; and that they will use their utmost Endeavours to induce their Councils and Assemblies to give the necessary Orders for raising their Quotas of Men with the greatest Expedition, so that they may be ready to march to such Places as the Commander in Chief shall direct

In Consequence of which Orders I do now apply to you to use your utmost Endeav:rs with your Council and Assembly to furnish a Body of four hundred good Men, and that as many of them as possible should be used to ranging to act in Conjunction with his Maty's Forces the next Spring in carrying on vigorous and offensive Measures against the Enemy over and above what is necessary for the Defence of your Forts on the Frontiers of your Province, and that this Body should be ready to march by the Beginning of April.

As this will occasion the raising an additional Number to what your Province now have, I could propose to you that the Addition should be raised only for the Campaign and to be dismissed at the End of it by which Means I am of Opinion that it will not only be less expensive to the Province but you will the sooner compleat your Quota with good Men, as they will be enabled to return to their own Habitation in the Winter.

I am the further induced to expect that they will readily comply with this Request that I will as soon as they join his Majesty's Forces supply them with the King's Provisions at the Expence of the Crown which will greatly ease the Province in that material Article and as the Service I propose to employ them on will be an immediate Benefit